

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on January 2, 2009, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-24 are pending in the application, where claims 1, 6-7, 11, 14, 16, 18 and 23 are independent.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated the Restriction Requirement dated October 13, 2008 has been withdrawn and that all the claims 1-24 are considered on the merits. Applicant greatfully acknowledges withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement and consideration of claims 1-24 on the merits.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 11, 14-20 and 23-24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that claims 11, 14-20 and 23-24 contain patentable subject matter. By means of the present amendment, claims 11, 14, 16, 18, 20 and 23 have been

rewritten in independent form.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that independent claims 11, 14, 16, 18, 20 and 23 be allowed. In addition, it is respectfully requested that claims 15, 17, 19 and 24 also be allowed at least based on their dependence from independent claims 14, 16, 18 and 23, as well as their individually patentable elements.

In the Office Action, claims 1-10, 12-13 and 21-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(2) over U.S. Patent No. 7,099,671 (Liang). Applicant respectfully traverses and submits that claims 1-10, 12-13 and 21-22 are patentable over Liang for at least the following reasons.

Liang is directed to a digital device with collocated wireless networks. As shown in FIG 5, a coordinator 510 is connected between MAC layers 515, 530 of two wireless networks. As recited on column 9, lines 5-11, the coordinator 510 receives reservation requests from the MAC layers 515, 530, and grants or denies such requests after examining scheduled transmissions. In particular, as specifically recited on column 9, lines 23-30, if "the

requesting MAC does not receive a reservation for its reservation request, the corresponding wireless network is not able to transmit. (Emphasis provided)

Thus, instead of sending a blocking signal to prevent transmission, a reservation grant is never provided. Accordingly, in Liang, no transmission is performed not because of reception of a blocking signal, but because of lack of reception of a reservation.

In stark contrast, the present invention as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claims 6-7, amongst other patentable elements recites (illustrative emphasis provided) :

the mediator being arranged to provide the controller with a blocking signal to block the second wireless transceiver module in response to an enabled communication involving the first wireless transceiver module.

Providing a blocking signal is nowhere taught or suggested in Liang. Rather, Liang discloses NOT providing a reservation. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that independent claims 1 and 6-7 be allowed. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that

claims 2-5, 8-10, 12-13 and 21-22 should also be allowed at least based on their dependence from independent claims 1 and 7 as well as their individually patentable elements.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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